



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

### KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



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Supervisor Approval: Lt David Kok

The Kent County Sheriff Department will be hosting a Volunteer Open House on ***Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00am.*** It will be at the Sheriff Office located at 701 Ball Avenue NE Grand Rapids, MI.

The open house will last approximately 1 hour, and will highlight the many volunteer opportunities available through the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

These opportunities include:

**Senior Volunteer Program** – 55 years and older

- a. Handicap and Fire Lane Parking Enforcement
- b. Homebound Visits
- c. Vacation House Checks

**Victim Advocate Program** – Victim Advocates are a group of civilian volunteers who provide support and assistance to families who have just experienced the sudden traumatic injury or death of a family member.

**Front Desk Greeter** – Volunteers greet and provide directions to the public as they enter the Sheriff Department Building. Light office work is also a part of this position.

**Courtesy Trail Patrol** – 18 years and older (Seasonal)

Volunteers patrol the White Pine Trail, East Trails and Kent Trails. Duties include, providing assistance to citizens on the bike path who have questions or need the services of the police.

**Kent County Citizens Police Academy** – The Kent County Sheriff Department Citizen Police Academy has been established to continue the positive movement in the relationships between the citizens of Kent County and their Sheriff Department. The goal is to develop and enhance citizen awareness and understanding of the police role in the community.

**Kent County Traffic Squad** – Offer an opportunity for residents of Kent County and West Michigan who have an interest in serving the community in a variety of ways that are oriented around law enforcement and public safety.

**Chaplain Program** - Clergy are being recruited to serve in a Chaplain's Program for the Kent County Sheriff Department. This will be an honorary position and the chaplain will serve at the appointment of the Sheriff.

Qualifications that will be considered include education, experience, endorsements, and the willingness to develop a rapport with departmental members. Clergy must be ordained and serving a local church or ministry in Kent County.

**C.E.R.T. – Community Emergency Response Team**

Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors during these emergencies. Training topics include personal preparedness, fire safety, search and rescue, and basic medical operations.

**If you would like to attend the open house or have any questions, please RSVP Sandi Jones at 616-632-6221 no later than November 8, 2013.**